

News Release

ICE announces case review process

WASHINGTON – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) announced today the ICE Case Review (ICR) process for individuals who believe their case does not align with ICE's enforcement, detention, and removal priorities. This process continues efforts to further the development of an orderly immigration system that treats individuals humanely while ensuring national security, border security, and public safety. The ICR process offers another channel through which noncitizens and their representatives can request that ICE exercise its prosecutorial discretion on a particular noncitizen's behalf, and to resolve questions and concerns, consistent with law, policy, and the interests of justice.

"ICE remains dedicated to providing multiple lines of communication for noncitizens or their representatives, to discuss individual cases," said ICE Acting Director Tae D. Johnson. "The case review process provides an avenue for noncitizens and their representatives to request further review of the individual facts and circumstances of their case in light of ICE's priorities for enforcement, detention, and removal, offering additional transparency into the immigration process."

Individuals requesting a detention case review should contact their local ERO field office for initial consideration. Upon request, cases will be further reviewed by a Senior Reviewing Official, who, where appropriate, will communicate the ultimate resolution with the requestor. The cases of individuals detained in ICE custody or pending imminent removal will be prioritized.

As a law enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security, ICE is charged with enforcing immigration laws in a way that supports and prioritizes national security, border security and public safety. Like other national security and public safety agencies, ICE operates in an environment of limited resources, under which ICE must prioritize its enforcement and removal operations.